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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

FREDDY SMITH,

01-CV-0938E(Sr)

Plaintiff,

-vs-

JO ANNE B. BARNHART, Commissioner of Social Security,

ORDER

Defendant.

The Honorable H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr., a Magistrate Judge in this judicial district, having conducted all proceedings necessary to determine the merits of factual and legal issues presented in this matter pursuant to this Court's referral under 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(B), and having on November 28, 2005 filed his Report and Recommendation concerning such, and no objection thereto having been made, and the substance and rationale of said Report and Recommendation having been considered by this Court, it is hereby

ORDERED that said Report and Recommendation is fully confirmed and that the Commissioner's motion for judgment on the pleadings is granted.

DATED: Buffalo, N.Y.

December 30, 2005

/s/ John T. Elfvin John T. Elfvin S.U.S.D.J.